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**To: Mayor Robertson
Ely City Council Members
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From: Mike Cracraft – Public Works Supervisor

Subject: Monthly Report January 2021

Parks: We are continuing to maintain the City parks.

Cemetery: We did one (1) service in the month of January. The cemetery's equipment is all in good working order. Q&D Construction has been using the cemetery to store the dirt from the NDOT project. When the project is complete, we will use the remaining dirt for improvements on the cemetery and the parks.

Public Works: We are doing a study to find out which streets are being used the most so that we can prioritize what need to be fixed first in the spring and figure out what supplies will be needed.

All wells are running properly.

All equipment is running properly.

We helped in multiple different departments this month.

We held four (4) safety meetings in the month of January regarding the following subjects:

- Winter driving/snowplow safety.
- Electrical safety/proper manlift truck operations.
- COVID precautions.
- Power tool safety.

We are continuing to switch street lights over to L.E.D. We have replaced nine (9) this month.

Recycling:

Recycling Market Update

Here is our quick overview on recycling markets in the West. Pricing is a net overall, because we cover a large geographic area. Actual net returns / changes may vary per customer.



OCC Corrugated Cardboard: Overall OCC markets have remained flat for the month. Some locations have seen a small price drop, and some locations have increased slightly. With freight costs still high, the value of OCC is remaining at par for the month. High inventories are being reported as most mill and trans-loading facilities.



Office Pack / White Grades: Seeing a small hike in white grades for the month. We are seeing a little more movement in white grades and with that a little more demand for the grade. We are far from the prices of Mid 2020, but a little up on pricing is much better than continuing a downward trend.



Mixed Paper / Newspaper: Prices for clean papers have held for January. No change is good news for Mixed Paper for the Month. Dirty paper that is created from MRF's are still a very difficult grade to market, and in many markets are still in the negative for material values. Clean paper is the only grades that are surviving in this market.



Post - Consumer Plastics: We are seeing some improved movements in pricing for Post Consumer Plastics. HDPE plastics are holding, but we are seeing a price improvement for PET Bottles. With more growth in the domestic markets, and added sources to sell material to PET is seeing markets improve in pricing for the month.



Plastics Films: Although the price for Films are still low, we are starting to see more interest in these grades that will ultimately help add some value to film plastics. More domestic opportunities are being created in the market, increasing demand. The market calls for very clean material, with zero contaminants.



Printer Grades: Print grades are seeing another pricing drop for most white printer grades. This is following the demand from the tissue industry where not as much clean white is needed, markets are still fair in prices but are no longer "on fire". Prices are expected to remain flat. Down has been the trend for the past several months for white grades of paper.



Metals / Non Ferrous Metal markets have improved for the month of January. Steel is seeing pricing remaining healthy and not much disruption in Aluminum and other high grade metal markets. Metal markets are still rebounding and are looking better than they have been in months, Steel prices have spiked and are predicted to start to soften for February.